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2,000 at San Jose Lynch Park Denounce Rolph Action; Scottsboro Trial Verdict Arouses Nation-wide Protest! "Collective Bargaining--Syndicalism," Says Prosecutor

Scottsboro Boys Condemned For Third Time to Die; I.L.D. Appealing to Supreme Court

Latest Trial Railroaded Through Completely Disregarding Elementary Court Rules

DECATUR, Ala., Dec. 2.—Sentenced to die in the electric chair! For a third time, Heywood Patterson, first of the Scottsboro boys to be tried here, heard a lynch jury pronounce him guilty of framed-up charges of rape today. Immediately following, Clarence Norris faced the lynch court and jury. The boys' defense is immediately preparing its appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Meat Strikers of L. A. Are Sold Out by Hobart

"ACT LIKE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND NRA WILL TREAT YOU RIGHT"

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—After five weeks of bitter struggle, the meat-packing house strikers were sold out by Henderson and Hobart, A. F. of L. organizers. These two are urging the workers to return without any gains, or any written agreement to hire the strikers back while they await the arbitration of the labor board. This tactic has resulted in loss of the strike where ever used.

From the beginning Hobart fought organized mass picketing, permitting the scabs to come in and take the jobs, and he threatened any attempt at action made by the rank and file, claiming these must be "outsiders, Reds."

Strikers returning are told there are few jobs, as the bosses can't fire the scabs, and many are told to register for the work with the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, a black-listing agency. The indignation of the workers is so great that it is well for Hobart that he has already run out, going to Chicago immediately after telling the strikers to return.

During the strike Hobart urged them to have faith in the NRA, and that his college chum, Bloom, would "fix things if they acted like ladies and gentlemen."

"If we lose, we must lose like good clean sports," he pleaded when the rank and file wanted picket lines and action. During the entire time no aid was given by the International union of meat workers.

As a result of the sell-out many of the workers are held outside because the NRA, and that his college chum, Bloom, would "fix things if they acted like ladies and gentlemen."

Portland follows up the State Convention decisions

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 1.—Two days after the State Convention of unemployed in Salem instructed its delegates to return home and carry out the fight for the relief demands adopted, a demonstration was called by the Multnomah County Federation of Unemployed in front of the relief headquarters protesting discrimination against the workers.

Fifteen were arrested by the police called to break up the demonstration. Speaker after speaker was pulled from the box, but twenty workers addressed the crowd while waiting for the committee to return from the office.

Belle Taub and Dawn Lovelace of the International Labor Defense, and Rev. Anderson, president of the Federation were among those arrested.

After the committee returned, 500 of the workers formed in line and paraded to the police station to demand the release of those jailed. They refused to leave until finally Chief Lawson released their comrades, without bail, and then they marched away in triumph, declaring they would keep up the fight in their

Large Meeting Proves Lynchers Only a Handful

COMMUNISTS, LIBERALS AND MINISTERS SPEAK AT ST. JAMES PARK

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 4.—"We want no Lynch Governor," was the cry raised at the mass meeting of 2,000, gathered at St. James Park, on the very spot where two kidnapers were lynched here recently.

Two thousand, despite drizzly weather, was most convincing proof that the lynching was not the work of 5,000 as the capitalist press endeavored to paint, but was carried through by a small group of drunken hoodlums, unmolested by the police and with the full co-operation of the governor.

Among the speakers were representatives of the Communist Party, T. U. U. L., International Labor Defense, a few prominent liberals, and a minister.

Rev. C. B. Silver, the first speaker, pointed out the meeting as an example to show that Gov. Rolph does not represent the sentiment in California.

James Branch, speaking for the Communist Party, contrasted Rolph's action in San Jose with the refusal to disarm the growing in time of the cotton strike, permitting the murder of three workers. That Rolph's action is in keeping with maintaining a lynch rule directed against the workers. He likewise pointed out that it is the capitalist system that breeds all crimes, and motives for kidnapping, while in the Soviet Union, the basis for motives that result in kidnapping and subsequently lynching, is absent.

Barry Speaks
John D. Barry, columnist of the San Francisco News, charged that there was a connivance between the police and the hoodlums to carry through the lynch.

Callahan, Marvos Go Before Superior Court December 13

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 2.—The trial of the two cherry strike leaders, Mike Marvos and Pat Callahan, came up before the Superior Court in San Jose on Dec. 13. The International Labor Defense defending them, calls on the workers and witnesses to be in court for that day. Foremen are the ears on the jobs, firing those who displease them, which means these workers must starve for sixty days before being eligible to go back on the relief rolls. Workers must pay their own carfare and are docked an hour if five minutes late though most of them have to walk at least a mile to reach the job.

The T. U. U. L. and the Relief Workers Protective Union is issuing a call to the workers on the jobs to organize around a series of demands that include the fight against discrimination, for accident compensation, no speed-up, etc.

That's About the Size of It—

NRA
NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October thirty first
1 9 5 3

My dear Mr. [redacted]:

I have just returned to town and have your letter. As you can imagine, I get hundreds like it every day. It is heartrendering not to be able to do anything, but I have not one single salaried position in my gift, even working myself without pay or expenses. It is also the case that I have no knowledge whatsoever where a job is to be obtained, for my work here is that of Administrator. I wish to God there was something that I could suggest but I am absolutely helpless in the matter.

Sincerely,
[Signature]
ROBERT CREEK, Administrator,
District Recovery Administration.

GG:TOL

This is the reply a destitute worker got from the NRA head in northern California. It about sums up what the NRA accomplished for the workers, since its inauguration.

Drive to Organize on C. W. A. Jobs Begins

Only Small Part of L. A. Jobless Get C.W.A. Jobs

AT LEAST 350,000 WILL REMAIN ON RELIEF ROLLS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—"Any time Uncle Sam hands out presents, I'll grow hair on my right palm."

This cryptic remark by one of the workers on the Civil Works projects sums up the attitude of all. For 45c an hour, 30 hours a week, those employed are doing the same useless pick and shovel work that the charities were enforcing recently. These projects will transfer from the relief rolls at most 40,000 relief workers, leaving about 71,000 destitute families, amounting to 350,000 persons. Of the latter, many are being cut off relief entirely, while others are having their relief slashed since the CWA work began.

In the case of the married men with dependents put on the projects the pay gives no advantage over the previous starvation allowance of the county charities.

Though the workers were promised pay for thirty hours weekly, they are docked for legal holidays and involuntary layoffs due to rainy weather during the rainy season, about to start. Foremen are the ears on the jobs, firing those who displease them, which means these workers must starve for sixty days before being eligible to go back on the relief rolls. Workers must pay their own carfare and are docked an hour if five minutes late though most of them have to walk at least a mile to reach the job.

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Challenge Right to Organize in Chambers' Trial

ONLY PIXLEY GROWERS ARE PROSECUTION WITNESSES IN VISALIA

BULLETIN
VISALIA, Cal., Dec. 4.—The first victory in the Chambers trial was scored today when the judge granted the defense motion to dismiss the second count against Chambers pertaining to the issuance of leaflets.

However the judge refused to dismiss the first count on which the prosecution contends that the recognition of the union takes away from the individual rancher the right to deal with individual workers, and advocates the use of force, and therefore, the district attorney contends it is Criminal Syndicalism. Tomorrow the defense attorney, Wirin, will address the jury.

VISALIA, Cal., Dec. 5.—So ridiculous is the "testimony" introduced to frame Pat Chambers cotton strike leader, on criminal syndicalism charges, that even the judge is reported to have privately admitted to newspaper reporters that the case is weak. But the court is proceeding in an effort to railroad Chambers to possibly 28 years in prison.

A motion made by Attorney Wirin, after the prosecution presented its case, that it be dismissed, was rejected. Most of those that make up the jury have frankly admitted being against strikes, and are ranchers or retired people. Workers were not permitted to get through into the jury box.

The judge, stating that the trial may be drawn out, ordered that a 13th juror be selected. This proved to be the head of the Visalia Ku Klux Klan.

District Attorney Haight, a former A. F. of L. member, is the prosecutor. All the witnesses he presented were Pixley growers indicted for the murder of the workers during the strike. They all repeated the same coaching story: that they heard Chambers tell the strikers to "use force and violence against the growers and make hospital cases out of them," "to take the law in their own hands," "or that we will make Pixley as bloody as Harlan, Kentucky". All admitted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—To combat the firing of workers who cannot keep up with the speed-up on the Civil Works jobs, and protect the workers against discrimination and accidents, the Trade Union Unity League is calling upon the men on these jobs to organize around the following demands:

1—Workers committees elected from the jobs to sit with the Civil Works Administration.

2—The continuance of the 6-hour day and 30-hour week at the prevailing union scale of pay.

3—State compensation to be given on all jobs.

4—No discrimination against workers for color, race, religion or political affiliation.

At the present in this city nearly 1800 men are reported to have been put on pick and shovel work building a golf course at Lake Merced, 7900 have been accepted for work on the program. The speed-up forced upon the men, many of whom have not previously done manual labor, is terrific and the discontent of the men is growing. Cutting off of men who can't maintain the speed set by the pace-setters is reported to begin next week.

At present the men have been put in the 60c category but inasmuch as the minimum of 45c an hour is provided by the CWA, the organized fight which won even this much winter relief must be continued if cash payment is to extend beyond Feb. 15 and at not below the present 60c rate. The number of men unaccustomed to this work, working in haste, makes it dangerous for others, and compensation for accidents is of vital necessity, the TUUL points out.

Socialist Party Misleaders Remove State Secretary in Effort to Defeat Militants

Work Orders Given Busick, as Bribe by Politicians for Not Filing as Candidate, Sold to Jobless S. P. Members

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—In a desperate attempt to squelch the wave of militant rank-and-file sentiment which has been aroused by the proposal of a 5-point program of united action with the Communist Party, the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party last night removed Harold Ashe from his position as the state secretary of the party.

The State Executive Committee prepared the charges, conducted the investigation, ruled witnesses out of order, and also brought in the final verdict, combining the functions of judge, jury, and prosecutor. With the state convention only two months away, the party bureaucracy is acting rapidly in an attempt to exclude the revolutionary elements from the party in order that they may retain their present positions.

Ashe was the only member of the S. E. C. to vote in favor of a united front, and despite mock charges which were laid against him, for which no sustaining evidence was introduced, it was clear that Ashe was being removed from his post as state secretary for his actions as a member of the S. E. C. championing the move for a united front.

Determined to Prevent Unity
Charges that the Communist Party has been the agency which has been leading towards a split in the Socialist Party were made laughable as the trial proceeded, for the testimony indicated that the present bureaucrats of the S. E. C. are willing to smash the party to bits if it is necessary in order to prevent militant rank-and-file action on a united class struggle basis.

Ashe made no attempt to deny that he was "out of harmony" with the present state executive committee, but asserted that the S. E. C. was out of harmony with the desires of the rank-and-file membership of the party. Ashe called in a large number of rank-and-file witnesses to testify as to the attitude of the membership in various parts of the state, and all agreed that the rank-and-file is fed up with the talk talking and paralyzing of efforts at activity by the Socialist party leadership. So embarrassing did this testimony become to the S. E. C. members that both John Packard, committee chairman, and the National Executive Committee, and Chairman Shapiro, chairman of the S. E. C., separately stated that they "did not care what the members thought about this: the S. E. C. is trying this case, and Harold Ashe is the only one on trial."

Tables Turned
This latter stipulation was an extremely necessary one for the misleaders to make, for in the course of the testimony it was brought out that Bill Busick, State Executive Committee member, had received work-orders from the county of L. A. in return for not filing his candidacy for the city council, and that he had peddled these work-orders to the poverty-stricken Socialist Party members.

John Packard knew of an effort which Milen Dempster had made to have the N. E. C. declare the state of California disorganized; that Hyman Sheenan, S. E. C. member and elected as state secretary to replace Ashe, had acted as secretary of an illegal body within the party in direct violation of party discipline, and that he had purchased a work-order from Bill Busick. The S. E. C. refused to allow the introduction of testimony which would prove that they had been betraying their rank-and-file in not expelling J. Stitt Wilson for his splitting actions in the party and among the working class.

Ashe asserted throughout the trial that the S. E. C. and not he, was on trial, and that no member of the S. E. C. came into court with clean hands. So adequately did he prove his case that a rank-and-file committee was formed from among the spectators to carry the fight from every local in the state in order (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

Barbusse Returns to France; Unable to Tour West

The Western Worker regrets very much that the arrangements planned for having Henri Barbusse, noted French writer and fighter against war and fascism, come to the West coast, could not be carried out.

His plans made the return to France necessary sooner than was originally contemplated. While in the United States, he spoke at many huge rallies and developed great enthusiasm for the fight against war and fascism. Barbusse returns to France to edit the journal, Monde, and to write two books. One will be a biography of Comrade Stalin, and the other will be a novel.

NAZI TROOPS REVOLT, RAISE SOVIET FLAG

DORTMUND, Germany, Dec. 1.—The Nazi military camp near here mutinied last month when storm troopers rebelled against the severe drilling and hauled down the Swastika flag. When a flag was re-hoisted, it was the red flag with hammer and sickle, the emblem of the communist party. Fearful that this example would result in similar revolt in other camps, Nazi chiefs ordered the camp immediately dissolved, and every effort of the censorship was made to keep the news from spreading.

ALL GALLUP PRISONERS FREE; LEADERS DEPORTED FROM STATE

Benjamin, Kaplan and Roberts Are Released Unconditionally

BULLETIN
GALLUP, N. M., Dec. 3.—Chas. Guynn, Martha and Bob Roberts, Vic Allander and Henry Sunid were arrested by the National Guard and taken to the Arizona state line Friday where a guard was set to prevent their returning. Lynch was also arrested, but was released to complete his work for the I. L. D.

The agreement when the comrades were released earlier in the week was that two organizers were to remain in Gallup and the rest agreed to leave within four days. All were going Saturday except Martha and Bob Roberts.

The reason for their being deported was the development at the Gomero mine where scabs were threatening to strike because the bosses did not pay them the \$10 to \$15 a day promised for strike-breaking. Instead they made out checks for \$3.62 a day. The strikers of the NMU get the \$4.70 scale, plus pay for all dead work.

A week ago the operators had granted eight of the eleven demands the miners had fought 13 weeks for. They released 20 prisoners, but would only release the "other nine" if they would sign a "border" to stay out of the state for a year. They refused and the strikers refused to return until they were unconditionally freed.



Just a sample of how the NRA benefits the stage hands:

A manager of a touring company wired ahead to the manager of the theatre at the next town—

"Want to hold rehearsal Wednesday afternoon at three. Have stage manager, carpenter, property man, electrician, and all stage hands present."

In two hours he got his reply. "Okay. He'll be there."

Or maybe you prefer this example:

"WANTED—Actor, preferably one who can drive truck."

The New York papers were trying to claim another Bolshevik "atrocity" recently. It seems that at Litvinov's departure three fat Washington diplomats had apoplexy when required to stand for the playing of the "International."

For years the prize given by the estate of the dynamite king, Nobel, for "the greatest peace move of the year" went to "disarmament" advocates. Imagine their embarrassment this year to Litvinov, who proposed real disarmament, and "peace" non-aggression pact with eight countries.

But the givers weren't embarrassed long. They decided not to give one this year.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"I voluntarily withdrew from the public eye some time ago to give the administration a chance to do something for the 3,000,000 unorganized veterans."—W. W. Waters, fake leader in the first Bonus march.

A bank ex-vice-president decided to try rugged individualism instead of the squalor. So he went ringing doorbells, asking for a job as house servant. "Why, I couldn't give you enough work to keep you busy," one lady told him.

The x-v thought of his past. "Well, missus," says he, "you'd really be surprised how little it takes to keep me occupied."

Japan having invented a gun that fires 10,000 shots a minute, her lords are confident of beating off the Chinese in the defensive war now raging.

Do you find it funny how some governors won't call out the militia to stop lynchings, while another calls them out to protect the gate receipts of the Oklahoma-Texas football game?

Now that Soviet Union recognition is a fact, one of the relief workers suggests that trade could be immediately stimulated by the USSR sending over their discarded wheelbarrows and spades in exchange for some more tractors and steamshovels.

That Gov. Buffon of Kentucky made Frisco's Mayor Ross "Admiral of the Golden Gate" is not entirely a joke, when you remember the fleet of bottle-fishing boats that have called him the Big Shot since Ralph moved to Sacramento.

S. P. Misleaders Remove Militant

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 8) to get a genuine expression of the will of the sincere rank-and-file workers in regard to the united front and the competence of the present S. E. C. to interpret the will of the membership.

A full story of the trial will appear in the next issue of the Western Worker. All members of the Socialist Party are invited to communicate their opinions on this subject to the Western Worker, which will furnish them with a medium of expression not open to them in their own party press.

Los Angeles
10th ANNUAL CONCERT
of the
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Sunday — Dec. 17 — 8 p. m.
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An Exhibition
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Sunday — Dec. 10 — 8 p. m.
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546 Los Angeles St.
Los Angeles
Auspices: W.I.R. and Film & Photo League

Discrimination Against Negroes on L. A. Jobs

SEPARATE REGISTRATION FOR THEM ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—Unemployed workers in Los Angeles are agitated over the discrimination that is being employed against the Negro workers on the "public works" jobs under the Federal works program in this country.

A sign in the office of the County Welfare reads: "Negroes register at 3310 Central Ave. Whites register at 553 Stanford Ave."

On the jobs the Negro workers are segregated and sent to the farthest places to do the most difficult work. On Monday morning all of the Negro workers were isolated and ordered to a place several miles away to work. They resented this action very much but did not dare protest because they were not sure of the support of the other workers. However, the Relief Workers Protective Union immediately organized a protest and are distributing leaflets calling the workers to action against this discrimination against their fellow workers.

L. S. N. R. Organizes
Many reformist Negro organizations are trying to take advantage of the open mistreatment of Negro workers on these jobs and elsewhere to organize the Negro workers under their program. The Provisional Committee of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights points out, however, that these organizations have no program of real struggle and that their plea for a boycott of firms that do not employ Negro workers, with no fight for better conditions for workers already on the job, will only serve to foster the separation of white and Negro workers and so play into the bosses' hands.

Conference Dec. 10
The Provisional Committee of the League is calling a conference of all workers organizations to organize a fight against the discrimination of Negro workers on the civil works jobs, as well as in such stores as Kress', Woolworth's, and large markets in their neighborhoods. Borden's Dairy, for instance, admits that 70% of its trade comes from Negro people, yet all of these firms refuse to employ Negro workers. The Provisional Committee is making a thorough investigation of conditions on these jobs, preparatory to presenting joint demands for Negro and white workers for action by the Conference, which is meeting at 4670 Compton Ave. on Sunday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, December 10.

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SCOTTSBORO BOYS CONDEMNED

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) glass were shown to have been entered since the panels were used in the Patterson trial, a week ago. The I. L. D. attorneys are having them held for the appeal which will follow.

Following Norris' speedy trial, a week recess will be given before Chas. Weiss is tried. During this time it is expected the newspapermen will leave the little town, and the few deputies "protecting" the boys will be at the mercy of the lynch gangs.

Send Protests!
As word of the conviction of Patterson spread, mass meetings mobilized by the International Labor Defense are being held all over the country, protesting

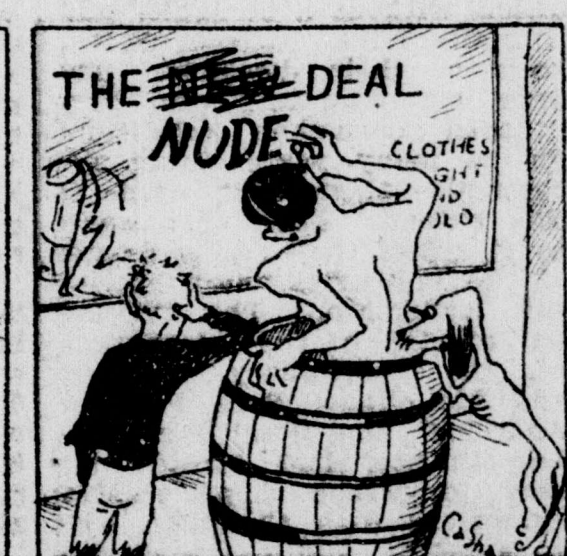
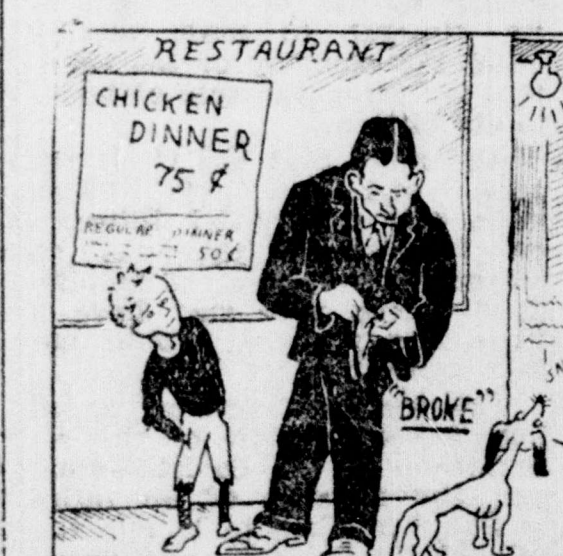
the lynch verdict and demanding the release of the nine boys.

In San Francisco a special enlarged meeting of the Scottsboro Action Committee will be held at the International Institute, Van Ness and Washington St., Friday evening, Dec. 8 at 8 p. m. All organizations are urged to send delegates to assist in the laying out and carrying through immediately of an active campaign for the freedom of the boys.

Rush your protests to Pres. Roosevelt, to Gov. Miller, Montgomery, Ala., and to Judge Callahan at Decatur, RIGHT NOW!

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San Francisco, Calif.
Enclosed please find:
\$2.00, 1 year — \$1.00, 6 months — 60c for 3 months,
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Play by Ronald Cooley, "Merry Xmas, Revolution!"
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All-day Restaurant, Every Day. Admission 15c each day

S. F. WORKERS SCHOOL TO BE AT NEW WORKERS CULTURAL CENTER

Last Chance to Register December 9

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—With student registration of well over two hundred already reached, the Workers School will open its winter term Monday evening, Dec. 4, in the new school headquarters at 121 Haight Street, one block from Market Street. This building was the old headquarters of the YM & YWHA, and is well known to all San Franciscans.

It would not have been possible to have found better accommodations anywhere in this city. The building, besides having perfectly arranged classrooms for the students of the Workers School, is a perfect cultural center in many other ways.

The building will also house the offices of the Workers International Relief, the International Labor Defense, the Film & Photo League and the Workers Theatre. All of these organizations will occupy their new premises from December 4th on and are planning to hold affairs in the near future. Watch for the dates.

Cultural Center
A library and reading room, as well as a book shop, on the ground floor, will supply a much needed adjunct to the school. A librarian will be in charge at all times, and books needed for reference by students, may be read in quiet surroundings and without interruption. On the second floor, a workers restaurant will be maintained, and in the basement showers are installed which may be used for a no-

Can't Win Debate So Throw Stink Bombs at Y. C. L.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Nov. 29.—Unable to prove the beauties of capitalist war with reasoning, some local high school students hurled a stench bomb into the crowd of two hundred and fifty at the Workers Forum and rushed out.

The lecture had been on "Youth and War", given by Dorothy Zadow, and after the main speech, during questions and discussion, Robert Reed took the platform to rant against Communism. Comrade Zadow's refutation in the impromptu debate brought great applause. Despite the fair treatment accorded Reed and his group, they were there not to debate but to break up the meeting. Finding their heckling to no avail, they threw their bomb and ran. Other students declared this action should not be considered representative of the attitude of the students. This was proven in that many students have since joined the Young Communist League as a result of the affair.

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By Shane and Casimir

Drive for Federal Jobless Insurance Launched in Calif.

A. F. OF L. RANK AND FILE COMMITTEE SENDS CALL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The failure of the NRA to decrease unemployment, and the ability of the Civil Works to absorb but a small part of the jobless for only a short time, is being answered by an intensive drive for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance.

The California Provisional Committee is sending an appeal to all A. F. of L. locals to back the fight of the rank and file conference of the A. F. of L. Trade Union Committee for Unemployment Insurance and relief.

The Provisional Committee is preparing for a state convention of A. F. of L. rank and file members to strengthen the campaign.

In the A. F. of L. convention in Washington, the bureaucrats called police to throw out the committee who presented the Workers' Federal Unemployment Insurance Bill, which in California the State Federation of Labor legislative committee supported the notorious Hornblower Bill. The latter would provide insurance only for 13 weeks in the year, and that only to those who had been employed 40 consecutive weeks in the year previous.

Workers Bill
The Workers Bill adopted by the rank and file conference of the A. F. of L. Trade Union Committee for Unemployment Insurance in Washington Oct. 2 and 3, and also sent to each local, provides:

- (1) Unemployment insurance not less than \$10 weekly for adult workers, \$3 for each dependent, to all workers unemployed through no fault of their own.
- (2) No discrimination for sex, age, race, color, political opinion, religion, citizenship, or refusal to replace strikers or work for less than union scale.
- (3) That insurance be provided at the expense of employers and the government, by use of war appropriations and taxation of incomes over \$5,000 a year.
- (4) Administration of the insurance by rank and file committees of workers.
- (5) \$10 per week and \$3 for each dependent for those unable to work by reason of sickness, accident, old age, maternity, etc.
- (6) Part time workers to receive the difference between their wages and the unemployment insurance benefit.

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DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT—Every Saturday night at the North Beach Workers Center, 1629 Powell St.

SAVE THIS DATE! Sat., Dec. 15! Big House-warming of the S. F. Workers School. Details next issue, but—SAVE THE DATE!

KEEP DEC. 16TH OPEN. Marine Workers Industrial Union is holding a dance and entertainment at 1223 Fillmore, to Benefit Org. Funds, on this date.

San Jose Meeting

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) ing. The transfer of the kidnappers from San Francisco when the newspapers openly played up lynching proves this. Furthermore, legally the criminals were not under the jurisdiction of Santa Clara county altogether, as the killing was carried out in Alameda. There was ample opportunity to take them out of prison before the lynchers reached it, and even then a good water hose would have dispersed the crowd. Ralph who was repeatedly warned of the events that would follow, was charged with being the instigator of the affair.

Jack Warnick for the I. L. D., and Walter Lambert for the T. U. L., further explained Ralph's anti-working class character, and how important it is to fight such a policy if the workers are to have the right to organize or strike.

Tom Ward, speaking for the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners, compared the lynch policy in California with that of the South and the legal lynching being planned in the Scottsboro trial. He called for a united struggle between black and white against the terror of the bosses.

The meeting was called by the International Labor Defense.

week-end court recess. In San Francisco he spoke before at least a half dozen hastily arranged meetings, where sorely needed defense money was liberally donated.

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Editorial Column

Organize on C. W. A. Jobs!

Last week 1196 new cases were added to the San Francisco relief rolls. This, since Sept. 23, was the 9th consecutive week to show an increase, with 6,292 added to the rolls for that period.

The number to be taken off for the Civil Works jobs, which end on Feb. 15th is only 2,000. At the rate the relief lists are growing, when these 2,000 are ready to get back on relief on Feb. 15th they will find a larger number already on the list than ever in the history of San Francisco.

"But," says the Welfare Department, "the men on the Civil Works jobs will not all get back on relief. They will have enough to carry them over." The first check has already been received by some of those chosen for the jobs. After hard pick and shovel work, supervised by slave drivers, the worker finds himself faced with the task of meeting the entire family budget on the small check. To think that something will remain for a savings account is nonsense that only a welfare faker could conceive of. What they mean is that those workers will have to fight to get back on relief.

The situation pictured for San Francisco, with the figures of those who hate to admit them, is only an example of the trend in most cities.

Even the American Federation of Labor, whose statistical bureau always tries to brighten the picture, admits that during October, unemployment in the U. S. even increased by 11,000. The economic survey of the New York Times tells us that during October production in manufacture dropped to 77% of the 1923-25 level, from 84% in September.

"NEW DEAL" IS COMPLETE FAILURE

Such figures should make clear even to a child that the "New Deal" is a most gigantic failure. The latest of the ruling class to admit this openly is Al Smith. He admits that the relief problem will become more serious than ever when the forced labor jobs are over. These critics of the Roosevelt administration, of course, have nothing in common with the workers. They want a policy that will bring profits more quickly.

Smith admits that the projects are made work, not devised because of a public need for them. Despite the ridiculous character of the jobs, reports from workers state that a speed-up equal to high-pressure contract work is in vogue.

Through these temporary jobs the Roosevelt administration hopes to split the jobless and prevent a great struggle for relief this winter. This is evident from the tactic put through in San Francisco. On the first job, rated at 60 cents per hour, they called a large number of the most active in the Unemployed Council and Charity Workers Protective Union. They think that this chance to get cash for a few weeks will serve as a bribe to these militants, or that they will be isolated from the bulk of the jobless.

SET 60-CENT RATE ON JOBS

One of the best proofs that the Relief administration fears the organized fight of the jobless, is the fact that they did not set the minimum of 45 cents per hour rate on the ditch-digging jobs. That would have been no advantage over the present amount. But their trick in this instance will only serve as a boomerang. Our leading fighters among the jobless will take this opportunity to organize the workers on the jobs. They will be able to show how it is possible to win concessions, prevent speed-ups, and similar victimization.

The central task should be the fight for Federal Unemployment Insurance, and against forced labor. It should be more evident than ever to every worker that if the federal government can find money in payment for artificially created labor that really has little useful purpose, it can introduce Unemployment Insurance.

The relief workers organizations should not lose a moment in getting in trim for their biggest fight since the beginning of the crisis, for February 15th will show a record figure on the relief rolls.

6th Anniversary of the Canton Commune

By Ben Fee

On Dec. 11th, the working-class of the world will join their hands with those of the Chinese masses in commemorating the 6th Anniversary of the Canton Commune.

The Canton Commune, which lasted for three whole days in the greatest industrial and commercial center of Southern China, was crushed only after the Kuomintang lackeys and the imperialist gunboats made the entire city a heap of ruins and drowned thousands of heroic Canton Communards in cold blood!

To the Chinese workers and peasants, the Canton Commune is of historical importance, for it revealed to them their tremendous power and thus added more confidence and courage to their struggles against the Chinese ruling class and the imperialists. It raised for the first time the Red Flag of Soviet Revolution in the hearts of the hundreds of millions of Chinese workers and peasants.

To the proletariat of the world, the Canton Commune signified the awakening of the 1,200,000,000 oppressed people of the world, and assures the unity of the oppressed class and the oppressed people in marching toward the goal of world revolution under the common banner of the Soviets!

Not a Defeat!

The Canton Commune was destroyed but not defeated. Only traitors such as the calibre of Trotsky, Lovestone and Co., would shamelessly brand this heroic struggle of the Chinese workers and peasants as a putsch or defeat. The six years since the Canton Commune were six difficult but victorious years for the Chinese workers.

For today, the Soviet Movement has already spread over a territory composed of nine provinces of China, from the Hainan Islands in the South up to the border of the great Gobi Desert in the north.

Soviet China Grows

The two-year old Chinese Soviet Government has emerged victoriously and more powerfully from the five Anti-Chinese-Soviet campaigns of the Kuomintang and the imperialists, and

undermined the very foundation of the imperialist-landowner-capitalist regime of Nanking and Canton. Especially after the Kuomintang had betrayed the Chinese masses during the two years of Japanese imperialist invasion, the Chinese Soviet has gained tremendous confidence and support from the Chinese masses. The collapse of the Nanking government can be seen from the recent events in Fukien province, where the Chinese capitalists and landlords have established a pseudo "People's Government" under the cloak of social reformism in order to divert the mass inclination from the Chinese Soviets.

Red Army Wins

For the past two and a half years, the Chinese workers and peasants have developed their fighting force—the Chinese Red Army—to such power that it succeeded in destroying 60 out of the 90 divisions of the Kuomintang Army. It has captured 150,000 of its soldiers, destroyed and dispersed more than 400,000 and took possession of hundreds of thousands of rifles, guns and other war equipments.

Drive Failing

Today, the 6th campaign of the Chinese lackeys of world imperialism is again in full progress. The appeal of the Chinese Soviet Government, which was printed in the Western Worker two weeks ago, showed the far-reaching efforts of the world imperialists in attempting to crush the Chinese Revolution with the most brutal force. This campaign must be smashed! The workers of this country must give their full support to the campaign of raising funds to accoutre the Chinese Red Army. It is our most direct and effective answer to the imperialist war-mongers and the enemies of the Chinese Revolution.

Long live the Canton Commune and its offspring, the Chinese Soviets!

Donate and help to build a Chinese Red Army of 1,000,000 strong!

Smash the 6th Anti-Chinese-Soviet campaign of the Kuomintang and Wall Street!

THE FIRST CHECK



Why Was the L. A. Dress Strike Lost?

By Jay Miller

Organizer of L. A. Needle Workers Industrial Union Exposes Treachery of A. F. of L. and Socialist Misleaders

Los Angeles is quite a center of the needle industry on the coast. There are about 7000 dressmakers who work on silk and cotton dresses. Manufacturers from the east, looking for cheaper labor have moved their plants over here in quest of greater profits. Supported by the open shop policy of the local Chamber of Commerce they, for years, had a free hand in ruthless inhuman exploitation. Especially the Mexican workers who comprise the biggest part in the dress-industry in L. A. were being utilized by the open-shoppers for their greedy appetites. These Mexican workers most of them young girls are discriminated against in all branches of the Los Angeles industries and therefore are being utilized by the bosses to press down the standard of living.

There are cases of where workers are getting as low as \$2.00 to \$3.00 per week for 48 hours work. The \$16.00 minimum wage for women in California was never taken seriously by the manufacturers. They found many tricks how to cheat workers out of the minimum wage just as they are doing right now with the minimum wage supposed to be established by the code. To appear "lawful", workers are made to endorse cheques for sums indicating the minimum wage and then are given \$4.00 to \$8.00 less. Workers are also forced to stay in the shop and punch the clock for a shorter amount of hours than they really work in order that the manufacturer may be able to show a justification for paying lower than the code calls for. And as the dress industry is a seasonal trade, the majority of workers in the industry are starving throughout the year.

Fighting Union

For the last few years the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union has made attempts to organize the workers and better their conditions. In the shops where the industrial union was able to organize shop committees, these committees were instrumental in forcing higher prices, educational work, etc. Many single strikes were conducted for the last two years under the leadership of the NTWIU but due to the terror of the red squad, the tools of the local Chamber of Commerce, and also due to a great extent to the scab tactics of the I. L. G. W. U. misleaders, all these strikes could not be successful. The International Ladies' Garment Workers as an organization in the dress trade was actually non-existent. Its leaders became active only then when they could handpick, disorganize and scab in the strikes called by the industrial union.

NRA Illusions

Only when the NRA illusions caught the imagination of many workers did the International Ladies' Garment Workers (A. F. of L.) come in to capitalize on these illusions calling themselves "the government union" that will be instrumental in carrying out the NRA provisions. The workers in the dress industry were ready for struggle. The International Ladies' Garment Workers came in, started negotiating with the manufacturer, dragging the negotiation until the end of the season. True to the A. F. of L. policy they were trying to get recognition without a struggle, but the NRA program as the basis of their demands. The dress manufacturers who have enjoyed open-shop conditions for so many years would not reconcile themselves even to this extent. They only agree to it when they see a danger of the industrial union getting the leadership. The "Socialist" officials of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, the reactionary Feinberg and his clique, Rose Possetta, Anavahist and Paul Berg, the Lovestoneite, had already agreed to accept a preferential agreement with the NRA code as a basis. But the rank and file of the strike committee re-

jected this kind of an agreement which means in reality no recognition and no closed shop. The officials, afraid of the anger of the rank and file, to save their faces and obtain some hold in the industry which would mean to them dues and taxes, had hurriedly called the strike on October 12th.

No Preparations

Due to the lack of preparation and through the protracted negotiations, the bosses had meanwhile a chance to prepare, finish out their work and demoralize the ranks of the workers with promises that they themselves, the bosses, will carry out faithfully the NRA provisions. Many dress-makers did not see any difference between the bosses promising to operate with the government and the A. F. of L. officials doing the same. Therefore only about 2000 dress-makers out of the 7000 engaged in the industry responded. Many of them responded because of the agitational and organizational work of the NTWIU who notwithstanding that the International took the initiative of calling the strike, also issued a call the same morning calling the workers to lay down their tools and come out on strike.

Although many workers remained in the shops, the strike handicapped the industry to a certain extent. The dress-makers out, exhibited a wonderful spirit of militancy,

devotion and solidarity. The spirit of the mass picket lines showed it. The terror of the police force and the agitation of the bosses only strengthened and solidified their ranks. The manufacturers also not having enough work to press them, were hard hit. There was a chance for the workers through struggle to press the manufacturers for real conditions.

Sensing the mood of the workers, the International officials, supported by the Socialist Party, were forced to use militant phrases in order to retain the confidence of the strikers. But on the other hand, these officials were doing everything in their power to dampen the militancy on the picket lines. They could not stop it. The members of the industrial union and their followers were in the field. It was the militancy and the experience of these members that gave the strike its militant character.

But the A. F. of L. misleaders are afraid of a struggle. Depending very much on the "public opinion", sure that an impartial citizen's committee will give them recognition, they hurriedly accepted an arbitration offer from the NRA although the arbitration proposal was indignantly rejected by the strike-committee. The strikers were not consulted. Workers who demanded the floor to express their opinion against arbitration were not permitted to speak.



The charges made against the Communist defendants. These contradictions are absolute, devastating proof of the innocence of the defendants and of the guilt of the real incendiaries, the Nazis, and they realize it. Listen to Goering's ranting under the deep-cutting lash of Dimitroff—"You wait until you are outside the power of this court! Such crooks should be on the gallows!"

The Nazi case against the defendants has broken down so completely that the charge against them of incendiarism has been hastily covered and they are now in an infinitely more dangerous position of defending themselves against charges of high treason.

It should be added that this chief body of testimony, contained in the thirty-one contradictions, is inaccessible to the defendants at Leipzig.

Fully half of the Brown Book is devoted to the detailed and authenticated listing of Nazi murders and tortures of political enemies, especially the Communists. Page after page of these sickening horrors, floggings with steel rods, mutilations and murders. The miseries and deaths in those medieval pest-holes, the Concentration Camps. A chapter is devoted to culture under the Nazis—a concept of culture based on social ethics worthy of a Jack the Ripper. Their leading men of science are exiled, their contributions to world advancement are burned in huge bonfires with the books of Germany's great intellectuals of the past and present.

But even in Germany where the terror has been and is, more acute than in any other country, the efforts of the Nazis to exterminate Marxism have been of no avail in face of the determination and ingenuity of the Communists in their illegal and underground work—and the Brown Book stands as a monumental achievement of workers and sympathizers illegally compiling evidence which has largely helped to expose to the world the heinousity of Fascism. A. W.

International Events and Western Workers

Soviet Credit Most Reliable in the World — Bonds pay 15.60 Pct., Outstrip U. S. Government Bonds — Is Safest Investment for Such as Still Have Some Savings — San Francisco Socialist Party's Mental Gymnastics

It seems almost superfluous, at this stage of affairs, to make any argument concerning the reliability of Soviet credits. Of all the several major countries in the world, not even excluding the United States, the best credit risk has been the Soviet Union. After holding first position amongst capitalist countries for a good many years, however, the United States Government Bonds always considered gilt-edged investments, are now selling below par. Liberty Bonds, for example, which only eight months ago sold at \$1017, are now selling at \$996.

Only the Soviet Union has maintained not only absolute credit reliability, but has also paid the best returns on investments by foreign capitalists.

A case in point are the Soviet Bonds. While all of the capitalist bonds were falling in value very freely, the Soviet Bonds have been paying interest at unbelievably high rates. Thus, for example, American investors on the first issue marketed in this country last year, will realize \$15.60 for

each \$100 invested.

Even the United States Government securities, almost always over-subscribed, now yield 3½% or less. In other words, investments in the Soviet Union pay five times as much as investments in the comparatively safer capitalist securities. And history of the last 10 years has shown that only Soviet Bonds are really safe. The Associated Press reports as follows:

"NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The initial annual interest disbursement of the first Soviet gold bond issue to be offered in the United States was being paid today, it was announced, thru the Chase National Bank as paying agent.

"Interest coupons on the 10 per cent issue dated Dec. 1, 1932, are being paid in American dollars based on the value of the gold rouble at today's rate of exchange. The par value of the gold rouble is about 51½ cents. Because of the depreciated dollar, the rate of payment will be approximately \$8.07 per 100 rouble bond.

"The original purchase price of the issue was \$51.45 per 100 rouble bond. Recipients of the first interest disbursement, therefore, will receive a return of 15.6 per cent, in view of the dollar's lowered value, since the securities were marketed. The bonds mature Dec. 1, 1942."

Recently, there has been a new issue of bonds to the value of ten million roubles in gold. These, however, are at 7% and are dated Oct. 1st, 1933 to Oct. 1st, 1943.

The Secret

The question arises how can the Soviet Union pay such large interest rates? When the Soviet Union has to arrange for credit (loans) abroad, it is bound to buy only certain brands of machinery or other goods, according to the terms of credit arrangement. It must pay a very high brokerage and middle-men's profit, it must accept interest which is very frequently unfavorable, and in a thousand other ways, the financiers and manufacturers who are partners to these credit arrangements use those thieving arts of which they are such masters to chisel all they can from the First Workers Republic.

When the Soviet Union has sufficient cash so it can go into any open market and buy the goods through competitive bidding, and eliminate all brokerage and interest charges on its purchases through paying cash, it saves enormous amounts of money. In fact, the 15% that the Soviet Union will pay on the interest on the gold bond sales of last year, will actually leave a saving over the amount it would have had to pay if it made purchase on a credit basis. It is also for this reason that the Soviet Union gold bonds are the safest in the world, and a person able to make investments in a fool to invest in the shaky capitalist bonds when such an opportunity exists in the Soviet Union.

Capitalism?

Many comrades ask, "Isn't dealing in bonds a part of the capitalist system and should it not be eliminated from Socialist society?" The question also arises, "Isn't the whole system of bonds, financial credit arrangements, interests, brokerages, is all part of the capitalist system. However, especially in its international trade, and even within its own borders, the Soviet Union must yet deal with capitalism. Internationally, the whole world is conducted on a capitalist basis outside of the Soviet Union. No country is completely self-sufficient. Therefore, if the Soviet Union wants to take advantage of what gains it can through dealing with the capitalist countries, it must do so within the mold of capitalist trading technique. But even within the Soviet Union, the construction of Socialism is not yet completed, and the direct building of Communism not yet begun. In the process of the Construction of Socialism, many capitalist remnants yet exist. Because the Soviet Union adapts its whole activity towards improving the conditions of the workers, it yet finds it necessary to eliminate some relics of capitalism only gradually, such as the private trade, a limited amount of private trading, especially by the peasants, the conducting of the economy of the country with money as a medium of exchange, etc. And, until these relics have been completely eliminated, the Soviet Union will find it necessary to use every means at its disposal to most rapidly build the economy of the country, including the sale of bonds to its citizens.

And since that has to be the case, and the Soviet Union must pay substantial interests on investments, there is no reason why workers and middle-class people who may have a little money saved, should not take advantage of it.

The matter takes on added importance in view of the recognition of the Soviet Union, and the opening of an office in San Francisco to handle the sale of these bonds, and Tourists Travel with the Soviet

Union under the name of World Tourists at 700 Market St.

Did you ever see a windy salesman try to sell a broken-down Ford at the price of a Cadillac? If you have, then you have some idea of the type of publicity that the San Francisco local of the Socialist Party is now issuing in explanation of the last elections.

Dated Dec. 3rd, 1933, they publish a bulletin of which we are quoting actual sentences:

"From an organizational standpoint, the local Communist Party is considerably stronger than the Socialist Party."

"The Communist Party boasts of their fifteen district centers; the Socialist Party has but one."

"The Communists have their local press, a regular four-page weekly newspaper."

"They (the Communists) were able to poll only a few more votes than Tom Fealey."

"Jack Bishop, their highest supervisory candidate led Fealey by 800 votes, while Tracy (their lowest candidate) led by only nine votes."

"Their candidate for treasurer received a higher vote (10,463 for Communist candidate, as compared to 4926 for the Socialist candidate)."

"In the rural sections of California, the Communist Party has had some success with itinerant Mexican, Japanese and Filipinos. To the extent that they have improved the lot of those exploited workers, all credit must be given to them."

"In the cities, however, as our recent municipal election proves, the Communist Party is not able to make headway proportionate to its organizational strength. The reason is obviously that Communist tactics 'do not go with the American workers'." The results show that Americans are ripe for Socialism."

"Brilliant Logic"

There is an example of brilliant Socialist Party logic. The Communist Party, by their own acknowledgement, has a larger organization in the cities, a higher vote in the cities (the top vote for the Communists was more than twice the size of the Socialist candidate) and the Communist Party has had widespread success amongst the agricultural workers. Yet the Socialist Party draws from these facts the conclusion that Communism is for foreign cities and doesn't go with the American workers, but America is ripe for socialism.

For the minute, we will not argue concerning the fact that the Socialist Party leaders are not socialists, but bourgeois charlatans who have shown their actions in England, Germany, Belgium and some cities in the United States and throughout the world that they are defenders of capitalism.

On the other hand the Communist Party has shown that, in the only country where it led the working-class in taking power, the cause of Socialism is well advanced. But even aside from this point, the utter ridiculousness of the phrase-mongering of the Socialist Party leaders is obvious in the documents which they themselves issue where they attempt to perpetrate a most palpable fraud upon their membership. They try to hinder the growing movement of workers toward the militant leadership of the Communist Party, and with lies and phoney logic, try to lead the workers away from the revolutionary movement.

In California at least they stand exposed before the workers. Thousands of workers, and even more so, middle class people, however, are yet confused by the pretenses of the name "socialist" which they wrongfully appropriated. Only the Communist Party will lead the masses to Socialism. The named Socialist Party can lead only to fascism as in Germany, to coalition capitalist governments as in England and to "efficient" capitalist administration of municipalities as in the United States. —S.A.D.

I. L. D. Defense Frees Victims of L. A. Terror

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Jennen, a worker on relief, was thrown out of the welfare office at 434 So. San Pedro St. on Nov. 14th, and arrested on charges of disturbing the peace. That same night she was railroaded through court and sentenced to six months. Her husband was there to demand a jury trial, and was denied the right to speak in his own wife's behalf.

He got in touch with the International Labor Defense, and at 2 a. m. the prisoner was brought back to court under pressure of publicity that the I.L.D. and the judge was forced to suspend the sentence.

The two workers, Wharion and Skali, who were arrested at Brother Tom's Mission recently and given 15-day sentences for protesting against rotten conditions, were also released after serving only a few days, as a result of organized protests of workers under the direction of the I.L.D. Workers who are arrested on such frame-up charges are urged to plead not guilty, and demand a jury trial, notifying the I.L.D. at once by telephone from the jail, and defense will be arranged.

No First Aid at Pick and Shovel Job

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—A man fainted on the job at Balboa Reservoir today. Two workers named O'Keefe and Donald asked for first aid, but were told "to get their lunch, and aid was phoned for."

But help came 25 minutes after he fainted, and the man was blue in the face waiting for aid on the cold ground. This man was a veteran of the last world war.

—Worker Correspondent.